

ISAIAH 59 – THE ACT AND STATE OF INIQUITY / INJUSTICE

Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear:

2But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

3For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered perverseness.

4None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity.

5They hatch cockatrice' eggs, and weave the spider's web: he that eateth of their eggs dieth, and that which is crushed breaketh out into a viper.

6Their webs shall not become garments, neither shall they cover themselves with their works: their works are works of iniquity, and the act of violence is in their hands.

7Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood: their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; wasting and destruction are in their paths.

8The way of peace they know not; and there is no judgment in their goings: they have made them crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace.

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9Therefore is judgment far from us, neither doth justice overtake us: we wait for light, but behold obscurity; for brightness, but we walk in darkness.

10We grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if we had no eyes: we stumble at noonday as in the night; we are in desolate places as dead men.

11We roar all like bears, and mourn sore like doves: we look for judgment, but there is none; for salvation, but it is far off from us.

12For our transgressions are multiplied before thee, and our sins testify against us: for our transgressions are with us; and as for our iniquities, we know them;

13In transgressing and lying against the LORD, and departing away from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood.

14And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter.

15Yea, truth faileth; and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey: and the LORD saw it, and it displeased him that there was no judgment.

16And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him.

17For he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and an helmet of salvation upon his head; and he put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloke.

18According to their deeds, accordingly he will repay, fury to his adversaries, recompence to his enemies; to the islands he will repay recompence.

19So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him.

20And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the LORD.

21As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the LORD; My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and for ever.

Biblical references to the word “justice” mean “to make right.” Justice is, first and foremost, a relational term — people living in right relationship with God, one another, and the natural creation. ... As God is just and loving, so we are called to do justice and live in love.

THE STATE OF INIQUITY

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There are 28 verses in the Old Testament (KJV) that use the word “justice. (The word does not appear in the New Testament in the KJV.) Following are all of the 28 verses with Strong’s numbers indicated after each use of “justice.” In 21 of those verses, the words “justice” and “judgment” are used together showing how closely they are related in the eyes of God!

#5 “Blessed be the LORD thy God, which delighted in thee, to set thee on the throne of Israel: because the LORD loved Israel for ever, therefore made he thee king, to do judgment and justice (H6666).” (1 Kings 10:9)

#6 “So David reigned over all Israel, and executed judgment and justice (H6666) among all his people.” (1 Chron 18:14)

#8 “Doth God pervert judgment? or doth the Almighty pervert justice (H6664)?” (Job 8:3)

This verse shows that God’s justice has been long misunderstood. Bildad is asking a rhetorical question to point out that God always does the right thing; in Job’s case, by bringing deserved punishment (in Bildad’s opinion) upon him. However, a proper understanding of the book of Job shows that the misfortunes that came upon Job were not an act of God at all – the whole narrative shows that it was Satan who afflicted Job in the absence of God’s protection. Bildad was mistaken in thinking that Job’s troubles were an example of God’s justice.

JUDGMENT IS TURNED AWAY BACKWARD

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THE MEANING:

Judgment is frustrated

the ability to judge, make a decision, or form an opinion objectively, authoritatively, and wisely, especially in matters affecting action; good sense; discretion:

the forming of an opinion, estimate, notion, or conclusion, as from circumstances presented to the mind:



JUSTICE STANDS AFAR OFF

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THE MEANING:

Justice conducts himself as a stranger

the moral principle determining just conduct.

the administering of deserved punishment or reward especially as to proportion



TRUTH IS FALLEN IN THE STREET

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the true or actual state of a matter: *He tried to find out the truth.*
conformity with fact or reality; verity: *the truth of a statement.*

THE MEANING:
Truth is disregarded and belittled

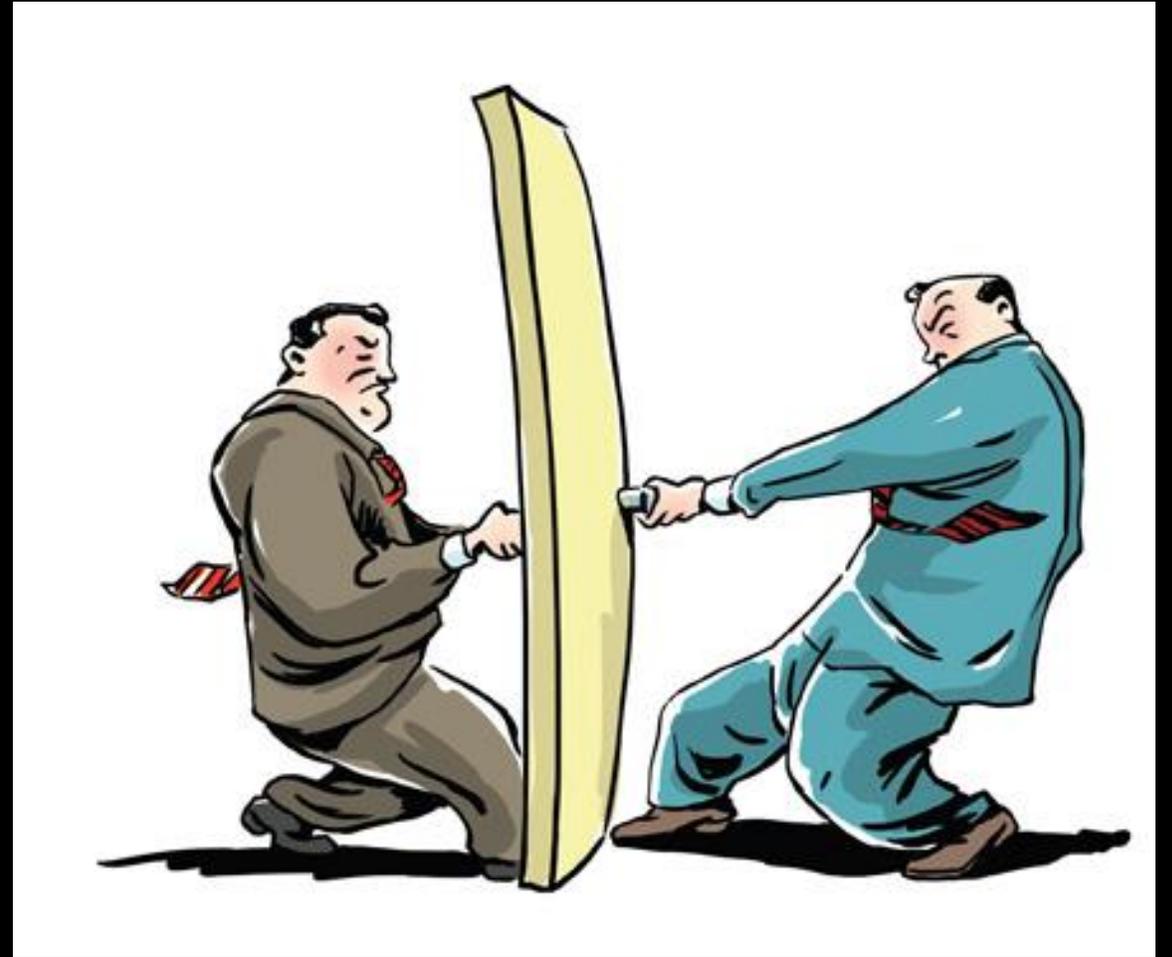
EQUITY CANNOT ENTER

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THE MEANING:
EQUITY IS DENIED

the quality of being fair or impartial;
fairness; impartiality:





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